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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

The Office Action dated May 6, 2003 has been received and carefully studied.

The Examiner requires restriction between the inventions of Group I, claims 1-41 directed to a battery separator, and Group II, claim 42, directed to a valve-regulated lead-acid battery. Applicant hereby elects Group I, claims 1-41.

In addition, the Examiner has identified eight patentably distinct species. Applicant hereby elects species 3, separators wherein the fibrous layer comprises a mixture of glass fibers and polymeric fibers. Claims 1, 2, 20-25, 33-35 and 40-41 (generic) and claims 13-19 read on the elected species.

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